



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 384***

LCO No. 1970

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER PREPARATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-145a of the 2012 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is amended by adding subsections (j) to (k), inclusive, as  
3 follows (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

4 (NEW) (j) On and after July 1, 2012, each program of teacher  
5 preparation leading to professional certification shall require every  
6 student enrolled in such program to spend a minimum number of  
7 hours student teaching, beginning in the student's first year in such  
8 program and continuing every year thereafter that such student is  
9 enrolled in such program, including, but not limited to, a certain  
10 number of hours working with special education and gifted students.

11 (NEW) (k) On and after July 1, 2012, any candidate entering a  
12 program of teacher preparation leading to a professional certification  
13 shall be required to possess a minimum cumulative grade point  
14 average of 3.00.

15 (NEW) (l) On and after July 1, 2012, any candidate entering a  
16 program of teacher preparation leading to professional certification  
17 shall be required to meet the requirements of the academic program in  
18 the subject area in which such student plans to teach.

19 (NEW) (m) On and after July 1, 2012, each institution of higher  
20 education offering a program of teacher preparation leading to  
21 professional certification shall (1) annually provide each candidate in  
22 such program with information regarding subject and geographic  
23 areas in which a teacher shortage exists, as determined by the  
24 Commissioner of Education in accordance with section 10-8b, and (2)  
25 encourage each such candidate to seek teaching jobs in such subject  
26 and geographic areas.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	10-145a
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To enhance teacher preparation requirements to ensure that every individual graduating from a teacher preparation leading to professional certification is better qualified to teach students and ensure that Connecticut students receive the best possible education.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*